



**OREGON**



## OREGON STATE CANCER REGISTRY

Year Funded	Type of Program	Affiliation	Compliance with Public Law 102-515: Legislation and Regulations*	
1994 2000	Planning Enhancement	State Health Department	Authorizing legislation for a statewide registry: Yes	Regulations in place for data reporting, confidentiality, and use: All

\*Source: NPCR Legislative Database, January 2001.

### Cancer Burden

Cancer is a devastating disease. According to the American Cancer Society, in 2001 an estimated 553,400 Americans will die of cancer, and approximately 1.3 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed. These estimates do not include in situ (preinvasive) cancer of any site except urinary bladder or approximately 1 million cases of nonmelanoma skin cancer to be diagnosed this year. In Oregon, an estimated 16,700 new cancer cases will be diagnosed, and approximately 7,300 will die of this disease in 2001. Oregon ranks 32nd highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.\*

### The NPCR

Cancer surveillance involves the systematic collection, analysis, and use of cancer data. Information derived through surveillance is critical for directing effective cancer prevention and control programs. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's **National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR)**, authorized by Congress in 1992 through the Cancer Registries Amendment Act (Public Law 102-515), serves as the foundation of a national, comprehensive cancer control strategy. Statewide cancer registries provide critical data to help identify and monitor trends in cancer incidence and mortality over time; guide cancer control planning and evaluation; help

allocate health resources; and advance clinical, epidemiologic, and health services research.

Through the NPCR, CDC supports registries in 45 states, the District of Columbia, and three territories, representing 96% of the U.S. population.<sup>†</sup> Forty-five programs receive support to enhance existing registries; these have on-going cancer data-collection activities, policies and procedures for central registry operations in place, and core staff employed. Four programs receive support to plan and develop new registries; they are typically involved in laying the necessary groundwork for establishing a central, population-based registry.

With fiscal year 2001 appropriations of approximately \$36 million, CDC continues to support and enhance state cancer registries, and promotes appropriate uses of data. The CDC will also develop special research projects, such as studies of patterns of cancer care in specific populations and assessments of data for integration with geographic information systems.

### State Highlights

- The Oregon State Cancer Registry (OSCaR) was certified by the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries for completeness, timeliness, and quality of its 1997 data.

- Record Linkage Study between OSCaR and Northwest Tribal Registry: This collaborative project involving the Oregon Health Division and the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board links data between the two health registries to more accurately determine the burden of cancer on American Indians and Alaska Natives who reside in Oregon.
- Cancer in the Disabled Medicaid Population in Oregon: Data from OSCaR are being used in a collaborative project among the Oregon Health Sciences University, Oregon Medicaid Assistance Program, and the Oregon Health Division. This project is designed to document the degree to which inadequate cancer control services among people with disabilities result in higher risk for preventable cancers and for diagnosis at later stages.

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\*Source: CDC's National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1993-1997.

<sup>†</sup>A map of the participating NPCR programs can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/statecon.htm>.

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